

OPINION 2352 (Case 3531)***Sematura* Dalman, 1825 (Insecta, Lepidoptera, SEMATURIDAE): precedence over *Mania* Hübner, 1821 not given**

Abstract. The Commission has not conserved the generic name *Sematura* Dalman, 1825 (Lepidoptera, SEMATURIDAE), a well-established name for a genus of moths widespread in the Neotropical region, threatened by its rarely used senior subjective synonym, *Mania* Hübner, 1821, which dropped out of use because it was incorrectly considered to be an unavailable homonym. The Commission did not give *Sematura* Dalman, 1825 precedence over *Mania* Hübner, 1821. The name *Mania* Hübner, 1821 is placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

Keywords. Nomenclature; taxonomy; Insecta; Lepidoptera; SEMATURIDAE; *Sematura*; *Mania*; *Nothus*; *Sematura lunus*; *Mania empedoclararia*; moths; Neotropical Region.

Ruling

- (1) The Commission did not use its plenary power to give the name *Sematura* Dalman, 1825 precedence over the name *Mania* Hübner, 1821, whenever the two are considered to be synonyms.
- (2) The name *Mania* Hübner, 1821 (gender: feminine), type species by monotypy *Lars empedoclararia* Hübner, [1819] is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

History of Case 3531

An application to conserve the generic name *Sematura* Dalman, 1825, for a genus of Neotropical moth (Insecta, Lepidoptera, SEMATURIDAE) was received from Matthew J.W. Cock (*CABI, Delémont, Switzerland*) and Gerardo Lamas (*Departamento de Entomología, Museo de Historia Natural, Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, Lima-14, Peru*) on 27 July 2010. After correspondence the Case was published in BZN 68: 184–189 (September 2010). The title, abstract and keywords of the Case were published on the Commission's website. An adverse comment was published in BZN 69: 61–62. The Case was originally sent for vote on 1 June 2013 (VP 9). A majority of Commissioners voted FOR the Case (14 For, 9 Against), but it failed to meet the two-thirds majority required for approval. In accordance with the bylaws, the case was sent for a revote on 5 June 2014.

Decision of the Commission

At the close of the voting period on 5 September 2014 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 14: Ballerio, Brothers, Bouchet, Grygier, Halliday, Harvey, Krell, Pape, Rosenberg, Winston, Yanega, van Tol, Zhang and Zhou.

Negative votes – 8: Alonso-Zarazaga, Bogutskaya, Fautin, Kojima, Kottelat, Kullander, Ng and Patterson.

Lamas abstained.

Pyle and Štys were on leave of absence.

Voting AGAINST, Alonso-Zarazaga said that both names had very limited use, had never been revised, and were of no particular interest, and therefore priority must stand. Also voting AGAINST Kojima said that judging from the statements in this proposal, he did not consider that the name *Sematura* Dalman, 1825 proposed to be conserved, had a sufficiently high profile to be conserved under the plenary power.

Original references

The following is the original reference to the name placed on the Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion.

Mania, Hübner, 1821, *Index exoticorum Lepidopterorum, in foliis 244 a Jacobo Hübner hactenus effigiatorum; adjectis denominationibus emendatis, tam communioribus quam exactioribus*. 7 pp. The author, Augsburg, p. [3].